

## Guide to Online Game Check – Wild Turkey

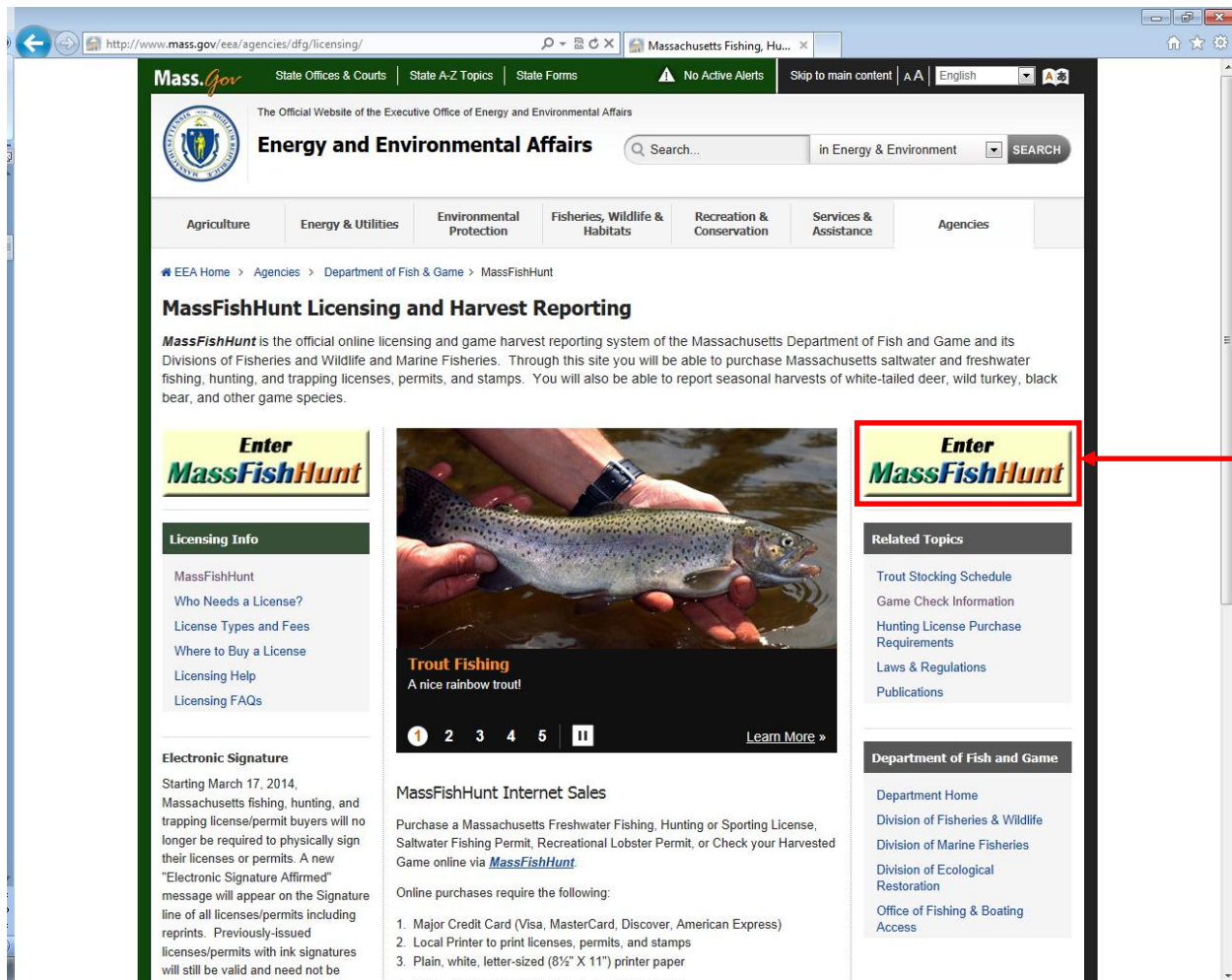
This tutorial will guide you through the process of using the **MassFishHunt** system to check your turkey online. Please take a few minutes and read through this guide before beginning.

To check a harvested turkey online, there are a few, but very important pieces of information needed. Required information (depending on season) may include: town of harvest, date of harvest, and the bird's sex, beard and spur lengths, and tail fan shape, the color of the breast feathers, and wing tip shape. In addition, optional data questions will include: bird weight, type of hunting equipment used, and the Wildlife Management Zone where the bird was harvested.

Remember the harvest tag must remain attached to the turkey throughout this process. After the completion of the online game check, a confirmation number will be generated that must be written on the harvest tag. All successful hunters must check their harvested turkey within 48 hours either online through the **MassFishHunt** system or at a traditional check station. NOTE: You must check your harvested bird BEFORE you process the bird for food or taxidermy purposes. Please use care when entering information on the harvested turkey into the **MassFishHunt** system, **particularly the date of harvest**. Please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) during business hours at 508-389-6300 if you have issues checking your turkey online.

1) To start, go to the official **MassFishHunt** webpage by clicking below, or copy and paste the following link into your webbrowser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) to reach the official **MassFishHunt** webpage.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/>

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the official MassFishHunt website. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/'. The website header includes the 'Mass.gov' logo, navigation links for 'State Offices & Courts', 'State A-Z Topics', and 'State Forms', and a search bar. The main navigation menu lists categories like 'Agriculture', 'Energy & Utilities', 'Environmental Protection', 'Fisheries, Wildlife & Habitats', 'Recreation & Conservation', 'Services & Assistance', and 'Agencies'. The page title is 'MassFishHunt Licensing and Harvest Reporting'. A central text block explains that MassFishHunt is the official online licensing and game harvest reporting system for the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game. Below this, there are three main sections: 'Licensing Info' on the left with links for 'MassFishHunt', 'Who Needs a License?', 'License Types and Fees', 'Where to Buy a License', 'Licensing Help', and 'Licensing FAQs'; a central image of a rainbow trout with the text 'Trout Fishing A nice rainbow trout!' and a 'Learn More »' link; and 'MassFishHunt Internet Sales' on the right, which lists requirements for online purchases: '1. Major Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)', '2. Local Printer to print licenses, permits, and stamps', and '3. Plain, white, letter-sized (8 1/2" X 11") printer paper'. A red rectangular box highlights the 'Enter MassFishHunt' button in the top right corner of the page content area. A red line extends from this box down to the instruction text below the screenshot.

Click on the **Enter MassFishHunt!!!!**:

2) To enter the **MassFishHunt** system, enter your **Last Name** and **Customer ID** number from your hunting/sporting license or turkey permit in the appropriate field and click **NEXT**. Your Customer ID number can be found in the top left corner of your hunting/sporting license or turkey permit, and in the top left corner of the harvest tag.

**MassFishHunt**

**Welcome to the MassFishHunt Licensing system.**

To maintain complete and accurate information, we need to know whether you are a new or existing customer. Please use one of the options below to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

**Search by Customer ID**

If you know your Customer ID, enter the required information and click next.

Last Name:\*  Customer ID:\*  **Next**

**Search by Personal Information (NEW Customers, please use this option)**

If you cannot provide the information requested above, or if you are a NEW customer, please use this option to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Last Name:\*  Date Of Birth:\*   
MM/DD/YYYY

Plus at least one of the items below:

First Name:  Postal Code:  **Next**

Note: Asterisk (\*) denotes required information.

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3) Once logged into the **MassFishHunt** system you can begin your online turkey check; click on the **REPORT A HARVEST** button.

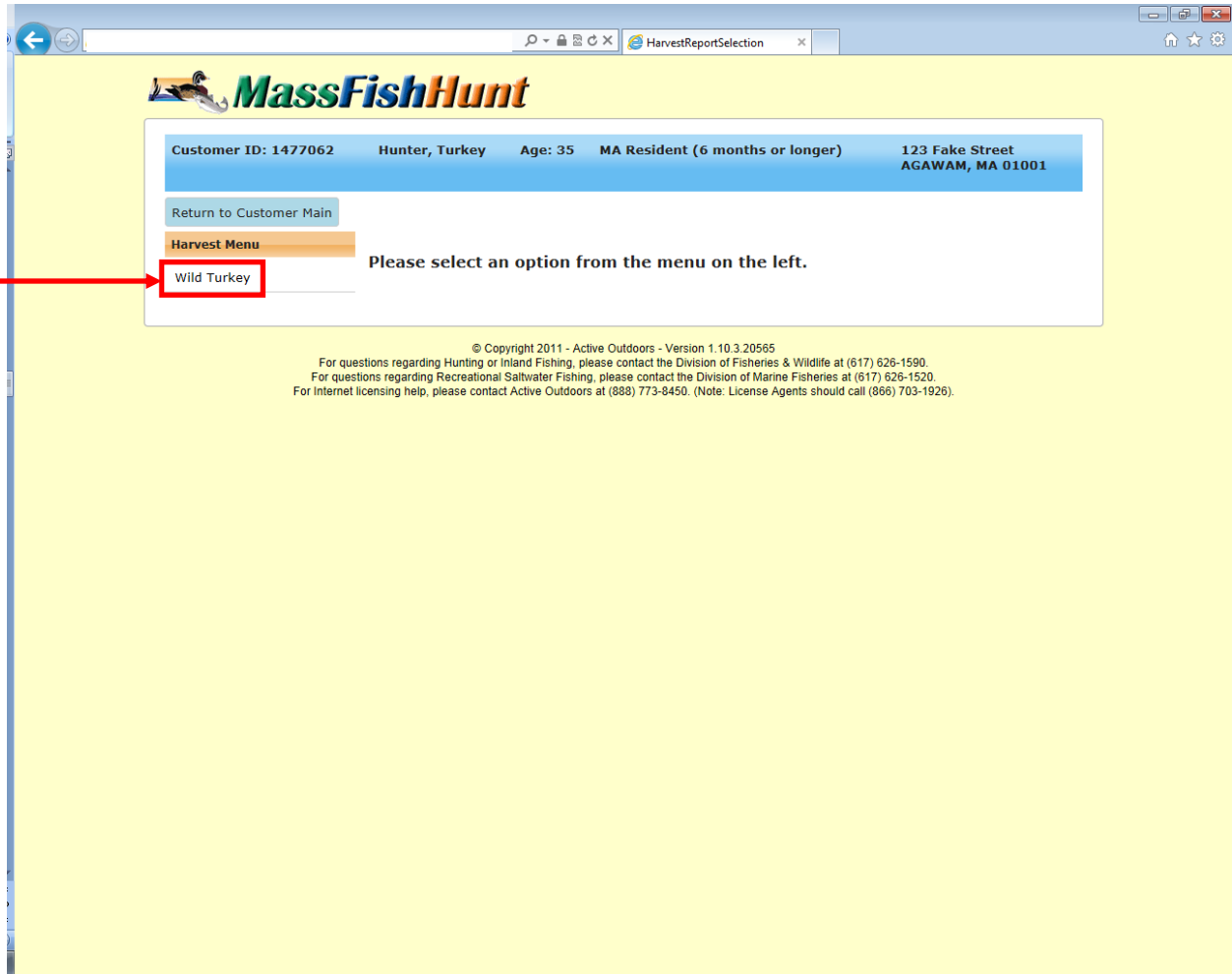
The screenshot shows the 'MassFishHunt' website interface. The browser window title is 'Customer Main'. The page features a yellow background with a blue sidebar on the left. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Customer Profile Summary**: Contains fields for Customer ID (1477062), Last Name (Hunter), First Name (Turkey), Middle Initial, Date of Birth (1/1/1979), Citizenship (US Citizen), Residency (Resident), and Residency Date.
- Residence Address**: 123 Fake Street, AGAWAM, MA 01001.
- Mailing Address**: 123 Fake Street, AGAWAM, MA 01001.
- Hunter Education Records**: Basic.
- Optional Information**: Gender (Male), Hair (Brown), Eyes (Hazel), Height (5' 8"), Weight (160), and Email.
- Customer Menu**: A list of links including 'Edit Customer Information', 'License Inventory / Reprint', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Exit'.

Two buttons are visible on the right side of the profile summary: 'Enter Sales' and 'Report a Harvest'. A red line and arrow point from the left margin to the 'Report a Harvest' button, which is also enclosed in a red rectangular box.

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4) Click the **WILD TURKEY** option on the left side under **HARVEST MENU**. This fall, you will see options in this area to check your harvested deer, turkey, or bear during their respective seasons.



5) You are now ready to begin your online game check for a harvested wild turkey in the spring season. Click the **ADD** button.

The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt website interface. At the top, the logo "MassFishHunt" is displayed. Below it, a blue header bar contains customer information: "Customer ID: 1477062", "Hunter, Turkey", "Age: 35", "MA Resident (6 months or longer)", and "123 Fake Street AGAWAM, MA 01001". A "Return to Customer Main" link is located below the header. The main content area features a "Harvest Menu" table with the following structure:

Harvest Menu	Year	Item Name	Help
Wild Turkey	2014	Spring Turkey	<a href="#">?</a>

The "Add" button next to "Wild Turkey" is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the "Add" button to the "Spring Turkey" item name, which is also highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "© Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.10.3.20565". Below this, contact information for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Division of Marine Fisheries is provided. The URL in the address bar is "https://uat.ma.wildlifelicense.com/IS/HarvestReport/AddNewHarvestReport?harvestReportID=3...".

During the fall hunting season, under item name it will be listed as Fall Turkey provided that the hunter did not harvest an annual limit of 2 turkeys in the spring season. If a hunter did harvest 2 turkeys during the spring season, there will not be the option to click the ADD button.

6) The **WILD TURKEY HARVEST REPORT** consists of a series of questions, many of which are multiple-choice. Optional questions are noted. For some of these questions, you will need to examine your harvested turkey. Some questions are only asked during the fall season, such as wing tip shape or breast feather color. Your responses to these questions provide DFW biologists important information used to evaluate and manage the statewide turkey population. Please take a few minutes and answer each question accurately. Simply click in the box to the right of each question and enter or click on the appropriate response.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Customer Harvest Report". The page features the "MassFishHunt" logo at the top. Below the logo, a blue header bar contains the following information: "Customer ID: 1477062", "Hunter, Turkey", "Age: 35", "MA Resident (6 months or longer)", and "123 Fake Street AGAWAM, MA 01001". Below this header, an orange bar indicates the "2014 - Spring Turkey" season. The main content area lists 11 questions for the harvest report. Questions 1 through 10 have corresponding input fields or dropdown menus to their right. Question 11 is an optional comment field. A red arrow points to the dropdown menu for question 5, "What is the length of the spur?", which is currently open, showing options: "Select One", "Greater than 1/2 inch", "Less than 1/2 inch", and "No spur (hen)". At the bottom of the form, there are "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons. Below the form, a copyright notice and contact information are provided.

Customer ID: 1477062   Hunter, Turkey   Age: 35   MA Resident (6 months or longer)   123 Fake Street  
AGAWAM, MA 01001

2014 - Spring Turkey

- 1 . In which town did you harvest the turkey?
- 2 . What was the date of harvest?
- 3 . In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey?
- 4 . What is the sex of the turkey?
- 5 . What is the length of the spur?   
Greater than 1/2 inch  
Less than 1/2 inch  
No spur (hen)
- 6 . What is the length of the beard?
- 7 . Are all the tail feathers equal length?
- 8 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey?
- 9 . If available, what is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey?
- 10 . Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey?
- 11 . \*Optional\* Please list any additional comments:

Cancel Submit

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6a) You can click on the blue question marks to the right of each question for additional information to help answer each question.

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Customer ID: 1477062 Hunter, Turkey Age: 35 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 123 Fake Street AGAWAM, MA 01001

2014 - Spring Turkey

1 . In which town did you harvest the turkey?  ?

2 . What was the date of harvest?  ?

3 . In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey? Select One ?

4 . What is the sex of the turkey? Select One ?

5 . What is the length of the spur? Select One ?

6 . What is the length of the beard? Select One ?

7 . Are all the tail feathers equal length? Select One ?

8 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the bird. NOTE: crossbows can only be used under DFW permit. Select One ?

9 . If available, what is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey?  ?

10 . Is the submitted weight from a gutted or un-gutted turkey? Select One ?

11 . \*Optional\* Please list any additional comments  ?

Help

Please choose the hunting equipment used to harvest the bird. NOTE: crossbows can only be used under DFW permit.

Close

Cancel Submit

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6b) You may need to carefully examine or measure parts of your bird to accurately answer some questions. To help provide accurate information see the images below. Keep in mind that taking **bearded** hens is **LEGAL** during the spring season, but these birds will not have noticeable leg spurs. During the fall season, a turkey of either sex may be harvested.



# AGING SPRING TURKEYS

## STEP 1: AGE

**ADULT or JUVENILE** - examine the last 1 or 2 wing feathers.  
Measure the spur. Measure the beard. Examine the tail fan.

**WING** - examine the last 1 or 2 wing feathers.



**ADULTS**  
have rounded  
feathers with  
white barring  
to tip.



**JUVENILES**  
have narrow  
pointed  
feathers with  
no white bars  
on the last 2  
inches.

**SPUR** - spurs grow as the turkey gets older. Generally the longer the spur, the older the bird.



Place ruler  
against leg  
at base of  
spur and  
record  
length of  
spur to  
nearest  $\frac{1}{8}$  of  
an inch.



**ADULT**  
spurs are  
generally  
longer  
than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



**JUVENILE**  
spurs are  
generally  
shorter than  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

**BEARD** - beards grow as the turkey gets older.



Measure the  
beard from  
the point of  
attachment  
to end of  
beard.



**ADULT**  
beards are  
generally  
longer than  
6".

**TAIL** - fan the tail and look at the central tail feathers.



**ADULT**  
tail fan is  
symmetrical.  
Central tail  
feathers are  
the same  
length as the  
rest of the tail  
feathers.



**JUVENILE**  
tail fan is not  
symmetrical.  
Central tail  
feathers are  
longer than the  
rest of the tail  
feathers.

This poster was funded by the Maine Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.



7) Once you have completed answering all questions, click the **SUBMIT** button (NOTE: not all fields are required). You will have a chance to edit your responses before they are finalized, but please double-check to ensure that all required fields are accurately entered.

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Customer ID: 1477062   Hunter, Turkey   Age: 35   MA Resident (6 months or longer)   123 Fake Street  
AGAWAM, MA 01001

2014 - Spring Turkey

1 . In which town did you harvest the turkey?   WEST BOYLSTON   ?

2 . What was the date of harvest?   04/25/2014   ?

3 . In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey?   Zone 9   ?

4 . What is the sex of the turkey?   Male   ?

5 . What is the length of the spur?   Greater than 1/2 inch   ?

6 . What is the length of the beard?   Greater than 6 inches   ?

7 . Are all the tail feathers equal length?   Yes-All the feathers are equal in length   ?

8 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey?   Shotgun   ?

9 . If available, what is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey?   21   ?

10 . Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey?   Ungutted   ?

11 . \*Optional\* Please list any additional comments:   ?

Cancel   Submit

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Please ensure that the date of harvest and all other fields are entered accurately.

8) You will need to confirm the submission by clicking **YES** on the pop-up. Before doing so, **make sure all the information provided is accurate** as you will not be able to edit any information after clicking YES. If you need to edit any information, click **NO** and then change your entries. When finished proceed from step 7.

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Customer ID: 1477062 Hunter, Turkey Age: 35 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 123 Fake Street AGAWAM, MA 01001

2014 - Spring Turkey

1. In which town did you harvest the turkey? WEST BOYLSTON

2. What was the date of harvest? 04/25/2014

3. In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey? Zone 9

4. What is the sex of the turkey? Male

5. What is the length of the spur? Greater than 1/2 inch

6. What is the length of the beard? Greater than 6 inches

7. Are all the tail feathers equal length? Yes-All the feathers are equal in length

8. What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey? Shotgun

9. If available, what is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey? 21

10. Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey? Ungutted

11. \*Optional\* Please list any additional comments

Confirmation

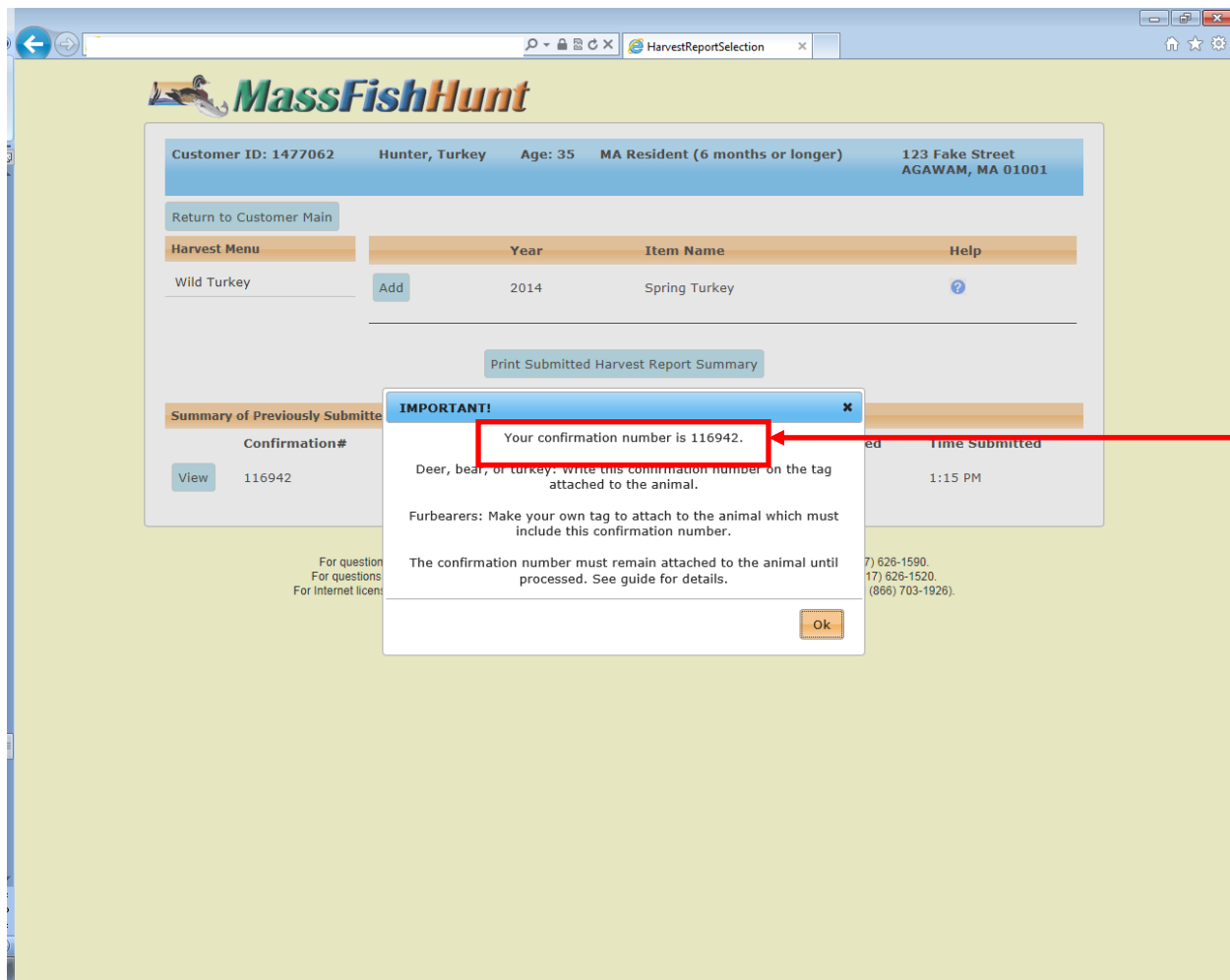
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No Yes

Cancel Submit

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9) After completing your online game check, a unique **CONFIRMATION NUMBER** will be generated. It is required that you **write this confirmation number on the harvest tag** (that should still be on the harvested turkey), where it shall remain until the turkey is processed for food or taxidermy purposes. Butchers or taxidermists should not accept turkeys without an official metal leg band/seal (turkey checked at a physical check station), or a harvest tag with a confirmation number (online game check).



Click on the **OK** button after you have recorded the confirmation number.

**10) SPRING SEASON ONLY!!!** A hunter can harvest up to 2 wild turkeys during the spring season, though no more than one may be harvested per day. Thus, to report the harvest of a second wild turkey, follow **steps 1-4** to log into **MassFishHunt**. Click **ADD** to start your second turkey online game check and repeat the data entry methods (steps 6-9) described above. **NO HUNTER MAY HARVEST MORE THAN 1 TURKEY DURING THE FALL SEASON.**

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Return to Customer Main

Harvest Menu	Year	Item Name	Help
Wild Turkey	2014	Spring Turkey	?

Print Submitted Harvest Report Summary

Summary of Previously Submitted Harvest Reports

Confirmation#	Harvest Report Name	Town of Harvest	Date Submitted	Time Submitted
116942	2014 Spring Turkey	WEST BOYLSTON	4/25/2014	1:15 PM

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The **MassFishHunt** system will store the game you have checked online. To view the specific details of any one online harvest report, click the **VIEW** button.

11) After clicking **VIEW**, this is what your harvest report looks like. The **MassFishHunt** system will store your submitted game checks, you may print a copy of these submitted harvest reports at any time.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "ExistingHarvestReport". The page features the "MassFishHunt" logo at the top. Below the logo, there is a section titled "2014 Spring Turkey". Inside this section, a message states: "You may print this page for your records by clicking the **Print this Page** button." followed by a "Print this Page" button. Below this message is a table containing the harvest details. The table has two columns: the question number and the answer. The questions range from 1 to 11, with question 11 being optional. The answers are: 1. WEST BOYLSTON, 2. 4/25/2014, 3. Zone 9, 4. Male, 5. Greater than 1/2 inch, 6. Greater than 6 inches, 7. Yes-All the feathers are equal in length, 8. Shotgun, 9. 21, 10. Ungutted, and 11. 116942. Below the table is a "Return to Menu" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "© Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.10.3.20565". Below the copyright notice, there are three lines of text: "For questions regarding Hunting or Inland Fishing, please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (617) 626-1590.", "For questions regarding Recreational Saltwater Fishing, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520.", and "For Internet licensing help, please contact Active Outdoors at (888) 773-8450. (Note: License Agents should call (866) 703-1926)."

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1. In which town did you harvest the turkey?:	WEST BOYLSTON
2. What was the date of harvest?:	4/25/2014
3. In which Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) did you harvest the turkey?:	Zone 9
4. What is the sex of the turkey?:	Male
5. What is the length of the spur?:	Greater than 1/2 inch
6. What is the length of the beard?:	Greater than 6 inches
7. Are all the tail feathers equal length?:	Yes-All the feathers are equal in length
8. What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the turkey?:	Shotgun
9. If available, what is the weight (in pounds) of the turkey?:	21
10. Is the submitted weight from a gutted or ungutted turkey?:	Ungutted
11. "Optional" Please list any additional comments::	
<b>Confirmation Number</b>	116942

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